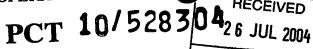
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2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The invention relates to piperidine derivatives and their use as anti inflammatory agents. Considering the prior art cited (US 5,843,966) in the international search report claims 1-22 of this invention are novel. The closest prior art of record, is US 5,843,966.

Claims 1-22 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art do not teach or fairly suggest the compounds as described in this appliacation.

Claims 1-22 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 3394), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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